(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (e) The position in this regard was elucidated in the Prime Minister's *Suo Motu* statement on this subject on February 27, 2006.

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme

*178. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the norms for centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) has been subsumed in the recently launched UIDSSMT (Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns) which envisages provision of Central assistance for infrastructure projects including water supply projects. Since new water supply projects for all cities/towns can be taken up under Jawaharlal Nehu National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and UIDSSMT. Funds under AUWSP will be available only for on-going projects for completion. No new projects are being taken up under AUWSP from the current financial year.

Maritime Development Programme for Andhra Pradesh

*179. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the preparation of National Maritime Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details of specific schemes and projects to be taken up in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the total investment required for the projects/schemes to be undertaken in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the extent of private sector participation in the projects/schemes proposed in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Out of a total of 276 identified projects in major ports in the National Maritime Development Programme, 38 projects pertain to Visakhapatnam Port, the only major port in Andhra Pradesh. Total investment in these 38 projects involving deepening and widening of channels and berths, construction/upgradation of berths, mechanization/ modernization of cargo handling equipment, road and rail connectivity works and creation of allied facilities is estimated at Rs. 2621 crores. Major projects identified include Deepening of outer channel to receive 2,00,000 Dead Weight Tonnage iron ore vessels, Development of West Quay 6 (WQ6) berth in the Inner Harbour for Alumina exports, Allotment of WQ7 berth for captive use for Alumina exports, Development of additional link road from port junction to the industrial bypass road, Deepening the entrance channel and turning circle at the Inner Harbour from 12.5m draft to 14m draft, Construction of berth WQ8 in the Inner Harbour for Alumina exports, Extension of container terminal by 700m, Development of East docks in the Inner Harbour, Revamping of East quary 1 (EQ1) to EQ4 berths to cater to 14m draft vessels, Improvement to road infrastructure with road bridges/flyover bridges and development of stacking space in the fishing harbour area after relocation of the same. Total private investment in the major port of Visakhapatnam under the Programme is estimated at Rs. 1165 crores.

Apart from the projects in Visakhapatnam Port, projects for revival and modernization of Hindustan Shipyard Limited at Visakhapatnam and strengthening of National Ship Design & Research Development Centre at Visakhapatnam involving estimated investment of Rs. 1175.50 crores have also been identified in the Programme. In addition, development of Kakinanda - Pondicherry Canals along with Godavari and Krishna rivers involving an investment of Rs. 550 crores has also been included, part of which is in the State of Andhra Pradesh.